

ACTIVITY AT COLUMBIA.

PRESIDENT BARNARD'S REPORT.

DISCUSSING SOME COLLEGE PROBLEMS—THE LIBRARY SCHOOL PROVES TO BE A SUCCESS.

The annual report of President Barnard to the trustees of Columbia College, which was submitted to the trustees in May, was made public on September 12. The report, which if printed entire would hardly be contained on one page of The Tribune, is remarkably complete and exhaustive, and yet the venerable president, whose resigntion will take effect upon the appointment of his successor, has deemed it necessary to add this "apologistic" to it:

The conditions under which the present report has been prepared have been such as to make it impossible to present it in the usual amount of labor and time. The health of the undersigned has for two or three months been so fluctuating that he is conscious of having been able to give but a superficial survey of the work of the past year. The matters of most essential importance, however, have been brought to the attention of the Board, and if there has been any important omission, he will be happy to receive any supplementary information which may be called for.

The undersigned has held his office nearly a quarter of a century, and has served a term exceeding in the length of any of his predecessors. The period has been marked by a great development in the work of the institution, and a point has now been reached which seems very critical in the history of the college. The undersigned had hoped that it might be permitted to him to be able to participate in the measures which must be taken during the next few years to extricate the institution from its present embarrassment, and to find a remedy to be hoped. It is satisfactory to nevertheless believe, that though the source of the problem is not at present obvious, it will work itself out ultimately in a satisfactory manner; whatever his relations to the college may continue to be, the undersigned will never cease to cherish a deep interest in all that relates to it, nor to bestow his best efforts for the increase of its prosperity and usefulness.

COLUMBIA FOR GRADUATE INSTRUCTION.

Almost one-sixth of the report is devoted to President Barnard's views upon graduate instruction at Columbia, which views were printed exclusively as well as fully in The Tribune for Sunday, June 10. In this Dr. Barnard strongly favors making Columbia a college of graduate instruction, saying: "It would be educationally a misfortune if Columbia College should cease to exist as a school for undergraduate students." Under the subject of "The Library" is said:

As the importance of our library for purposes of superior instruction is becoming every year more and more felt, the necessity for an extension of its accommodations must necessarily occupy attention. The use of the library is continually increasing, so that it is not an infrequent occurrence to find it impossible to obtain even a seat. There seems to be considerable difference of opinion as to the kind of enlargement to be adopted, but it is greatly to be feared that no plan can be proposed which can provide adequately on the present site for all the various and increasing operations of the institution. By the end of this century, unless relief can be in some measure obtained, the situation will become intolerable, and, considering the deterioration with which great bodies usually move, the solution of the problem is not likely to be found in less than another decade, even if attention is given to it immediately and continuously.

Upon the subject of athletic games the report says in part:

In recent years increasing attention has been continually directed to the importance of physical culture among young men in colleges. There is reason to believe that if the importance of this subject is sufficiently exaggerated, at least the methods employed for encouraging it have been too or too little attention. It is often the case that a few weeks of a session young men are attracted to the field of athletics, but are soon厌倦ed, and the mass of students will derive very little benefit from the efforts thus made for the physical culture.

Another evil attends the practice, now become so common, of intercollegiate games. As these contests approach, there is more or less disarray of the minds of students from their proper pursuits, and for the time being a more or less serious neglect of study. This is an evil inevitable while the present system is maintained, and is of sufficient magnitude to justify, in the opinion of the undersigned, in absolute prohibition of intercollegiate games altogether.

THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY ECONOMY A SUCCESS.

Added to the report of the president are the reports of the professors in charge of each department of instruction in the schools of Arts, Music, Law, Political Science, Medicine, and Library Economy. In speaking of this last school, President Barnard says:

For the first time in January, 1887, there was opened a school in Columbia College for the training of librarians. The profession of a librarian has become in recent times a vocation of great importance to the public as to render it still important that some means should be found to properly prepare persons for positions of such responsibility. Our aim was in the beginning rather to find our way than to define explicitly a matured project. We proposed, therefore, to make the opening session a brief one of three months only. Our first surprise came when, two or three months in advance of the opening, we began to receive applications for admission in such numbers as to threaten to exceed our accommodations, so that we were obliged to exercise considerable severity of selection.

The regular course in the school, for which certificates will be granted to proficients, will be definitely fixed at not less than two years. The value of the instruction to the student may be judged by the fact that before the close of the session of the school last year, every student attending was already under solicitation for appointment to some place worth accepting, as a librarian or assistant librarian in some desirable locality of the country.

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